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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the template store has access to a plurality of versions of each interest, each version corresponding to an entity type, and the identifying means is further arranged to filter interests within the retrieved template in dependence on the entity type.

5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein an interest is characterised by a plurality of sets of subject-related data and/or attributes classifying the interest.

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